

East Fork Lewis River Partnership for clean water

Summary - Grant Project Development Workshop East Fork Lewis River Partnership May 15, 2019

Thank you to all of the partners that attended the Grant Project Development Workshop on May 15, 2019. Twenty-one partners representing eleven different organizations attended this workshop, including Clark County Public Works, City of Battle Ground, Watershed Alliance of Southwest Washington, Clark-Skamania Fly Fishers, Cark Conservation District, Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board, Columbia Land Trust, Washington State University Extension, Friends of the East Fork, and Department of Ecology.



The goal of this workshop was to support early project planning and grant application development in the East Fork Lewis River watershed. [All of the workshop materials are available online.](#)

If you have additional feedback on the workshop content, or ideas for future workshops, please email your comments to [Devan Rostorfer](#).

Next Steps – Submit a Notice of Intent by June 15, 2019

Ecology is seeking project ideas that will reduce nonpoint source (NPS) pollution in Washington's lakes, rivers, streams, and marine waters. Funding for projects selected through the competitive ranking process will be provided by the [Water Quality Combined Program Funds](#).

Project Development and Application Process

Ecology's Southwest Regional Office (SWRO) is initiating a two-phase application process for FY2021 nonpoint activity projects.

1. **Notice of Intent** - Submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) by June 15, 2019.
 - Early coordination with Ecology is highly encouraged and may help applicants develop better project ideas and more competitive applications. Submitting a NOI is the first step to notify Ecology of the intent to prepare an application.
 - Applicants may withdraw their NOI at any time and are not obligated to submit an application.

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- 2. Application** - Submit a complete funding application in [Ecology's Administration of Grants and Loans \(EAGL\) database](#) by October 15, 2019. Funding decisions are expected by July 2020.

Who can apply for funding?

- Public entities, including: counties, cities, and towns; water and sewer districts; port districts; conservation districts; irrigation districts; school districts; federally recognized tribes; and Washington State institutions of higher education if the project is not included in the institution's statutory responsibilities.
- Nonprofit organizations (eligible for Section 319 funds only).

Important Dates and Tasks

- 1. June 15, 2019** - Submit a Notice of Intent to Ecology SWRO.
- 2.** Coordinate with Ecology staff to develop nonpoint project ideas and review the draft application.
- 3. August 15, 2019** - Attend the Applicant Workshop in Lacey, WA.
- 4. October 15, 2019** - Submit application in EAGL by 5:00pm.

Other Next Steps

- **Review Workshop Materials**
 - [Grant Workshop Agenda](#)
 - [Presentation](#)
 - [Funding Resources](#)
 - [Notice of Intent - Due June 15, 2019](#)
 - [Application Preparation Tool \(Nonpoint Source\)](#)
 - [Example Private Landowner Agreement](#)
 - [Example Landowner Acknowledgement Form](#)
 - [Example Riparian Planting Plan](#)
 - [BMP Approval Form](#)
 - [Cultural Resources 0505-106 Form](#)
 - [Inadvertent Discovery Plan Form](#)
 - [Budget & Schedule Template](#)
 - [Washington State EQIP BMP Costs - 2019](#)
 - [FY 2020 Funding Guidelines](#) - Note FY 2021 Funding Guidelines will be available in August 2019
- **Complete Recommended Homework.**
 - Research water quality issues.

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- Start developing scope of work, tasks and deliverables, budget, schedule, maintenance and monitoring plans.
- Conduct landowner outreach, and establish agreements, conservation easements.
- Develop partnerships and establish agreements.
- Identify contractors and volunteers.
- Identify and secure match funding.

If you have any questions, reach out to your Ecology partners!

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